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1. (Amended) A method performed by a client device for highlighting search terms in web documents distributed over the Internet, comprising:

generating a search query including a search term;  
receiving a list of one or more links to web documents distributed over the Internet in response to the search query;  
receiving selection of one of the links;  
retrieving a web document corresponding to the selected link from the Internet; and  
highlighting the search term in the retrieved web document.

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the highlighting includes:  
automatically searching the retrieved web document to locate each occurrence of the search term, and  
for each occurrence of the search term, changing a characteristic of the search term in the retrieved web document.

3. (Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the changing includes:  
changing at least one of a color, font, style, effect, and size of the search term in the retrieved web document.

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
providing the retrieved web document with the highlighted search term to a user.

5. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the highlighting the search term includes:  
intercepting the web document, and  
highlighting one or more occurrences of the search term in the web document.

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6. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the generating includes:  
sending the search query to one of a search engine and a web directory to obtain the list of one or more links.

7. (Amended) A system for highlighting search terms in documents remotely distributed over a network to aid in the determination of relevance of the documents, comprising:  
means for generating a search query including one or more search terms;  
means for receiving a list of one or more references to documents in the network in response to the search query;  
means for highlighting one or more occurrences of the one or more search terms in the list of one or more references;  
means for receiving selection of one of the one or more references;  
means for retrieving a document corresponding to the selected reference; and  
means for highlighting the one or more search terms in the retrieved document.

8. (Amended) A client device that highlights search terms in web documents remotely distributed over the Internet to aid in the determination of relevance of the web

documents, comprising:

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- a memory configured to store instructions; and
- a processor configured to execute the instructions in the memory to generate a search query that includes one or more search terms, obtain a list of one or more links to web documents distributed over the Internet using the search query, obtain selection of one of the links, download a web document corresponding to the selected link from the Internet, and highlight the one or more search terms in the downloaded web document.

9. (Amended) A browser assistant that interacts with a browser on a client device, comprising:

- instructions for generating a search query including a search term;
- instructions for obtaining a list of one or more links to web documents distributed over the Internet using the search query;
- instructions for obtaining selection of one of the links;
- instructions for retrieving a web document corresponding to the selected link from the Internet; and
- instructions for highlighting the search term in the retrieved web document.

12. (Amended) A web browser, comprising:

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- instructions for obtaining a search term;
- instructions for generating a search query from the search term;
- instructions for obtaining a list of references to documents distributed over a network